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Smith River Cleanup scheduled for Saturday

The winter edition of the Smith River Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, February 7. Volunteers are needed and appreciated! Anyone interested in helping out this year is asked to be at the Fisher Farm Park shelter by 1 p.m. on Saturday. The event will last from 1 to 5 p.m., and afterwards there will be hot chocolate and snacks for everyone.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Gateway Streetscape office at 634-4674 or 634-4622.

Sheriff's Office says goodbye to legendary employee

Lt. Joe Louis Hairston was honored by the Board of Supervisors at its meeting on January 27. Hairston retired from his post with the Sheriff's office ending 39 years of service to his community.

The Board of Supervisors presented Lt. Hairston with a resolution in honor of his service to the citizens of Henry County. The resolution stated in part, "Lt. Hairston will leave a void in the Henry County Sheriff's Office that will be difficult to fill and he will forever be missed by all who worked with him on a daily basis. The Board wishes the best to those who follow in Lt. Hairston's footsteps, for they will forever be compared to one of the best public servants Henry County has ever seen."

In addition, Hairston was recognized by co-workers, family, and friends at a retirement celebration at the Sheriff's office on January 8. Among accolades of "an officer among officers" and "a man among men," Sheriff Lane Perry added that Hairston left his mark not only on the sheriff's office but also in the community. "There isn't a person over here that he hasn't worked to help train," said Perry.

Congratulations Joe and we wish you a happy and healthy retirement!!!

Buchanan, Vaughn to lead Board of Supervisors in 2009

Horsepasture District representative Debra Buchanan will serve as the chairman of the Henry County Board of Supervisors for 2009, while Ridgeway District representative H.G. Vaughn will serve as vice chairman.

Buchanan and Vaughn were unanimously elected to those offices by the Board January 5 at its annual Organizational Meeting. This is Buchanan's first term as chairman, while Vaughn served as chairman in 2006 and 2007.

Buchanan has served on the Board since 1996. Her current term expires December 31, 2011. Vaughn served on the Board from 1996 to 2000, and was elected again in 2004. He has served in the Ridgeway District seat since then, and his current term expires December 31, 2011.

The Board of Supervisors also established its meeting dates. For 2009, the Board will meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month, with the exception of the December meeting. That meeting is set for December 15 to avoid conflicts with the holidays.

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